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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.45

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.45, entitled "The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development" (A/C.5/56/27). During its consideration of the statement, the Advisory Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General.

2. As indicated in paragraphs 4 to 14 of document A/C.5/56/27, the Secretary-General requests the continuation in 2002 of provisions for a Political Affairs Officer post (P-4) and one General Service post to continue to provide support to the efforts of the Secretary-General in post-conflict peace-building in Central America. The Political Affairs Officer would continue to monitor the Guatemala peace process, providing support to the activities of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala (MINUGUA) and to the verification and good offices functions carried out by United Nations Headquarters in respect of the peace-building process in El Salvador. The Political Affairs Officer would also follow

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developments in the Central America region as a whole. The estimated costs related to the salaries and common staff costs of these two posts amount to $188,500.

3. The Advisory Committee notes that an amount of $93,691,600 has been included for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 (A/56/6 (Sect. 3)), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/233 of 23 December 2000.

4. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/56/L.45, the Advisory Committee recommends that an amount of $188,500 be charged against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.**